High Courts when their turn would normally have come for being considered for such appointment in their own High Courts.

(ii) A Chief Justice who has only one year or less to retire may not be transferred to another High Court.

(iii) A puisne Judge in a High Court who has one year or less to retire when his turn for being considered for elevation as Chief Justice arrives may, subject to suitability, be considered for appointment as Chief Justice in his own High Court if a vacancy is to occur in the office of the Chief Justice in that High Court during that period.

2. While implementing the aforesaid policy the appointments/transfers shall be made in accordance the provisions of Article 217 of Article 222 of the Constitution, as the case may be.

**Problems faced by small entrepreneurship in their dealing with Registrar of Companies**

3190. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to look into the problems faced by Small entrepreneurs in their dealings with Registrar of Companies in various States;

(b) whether it is a fact that small entrepreneurs have to spend money and time to fulfil cumbersome forms and formalities with Registrar of Companies;

(c) whether Ministry of Law Justice and Company Affairs has monitored the working of Registrar of Companies office in Hyderabad; and

(d) what changes are proposed to streamline the working of this office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). Private companies are exempt from several provisions of the Companies Act, 1956. The companies are required to file documents/ forms with the concerned Registrar of Companies on payment of prescribed fee as also additional fee for late filing of documents, if such documents are filed late. Government policy is to take necessary measures so as to ensure that the Registrars of Companies provide prompt and efficient service.

(c) and (d) The working of this office along with other offices is monitored periodically. The implementation of the computerisation programme and revised legal provisions, as proposed in the Companies Bill, 1993, would improve the working of this office.

**Setting up of Power Project at Kulasekrapattinam**

@3191. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the power project to be set up by Tamil Nadu Electricity Board and Sea Solar Power Inco (USA) for production of power at Kulasekrapttinam at Nellai district of Tamil Nadu; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the capacity, cost of generation and the time by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The technical and financial risks in setting up large sized Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) Power Plant, at the present stage of technology development, are much too high for the State Government of Tamil Nadu to invest in setting up such a capital intensive power plant. However, M|s Sea Solar Power of USA have shown interest in setting up a 100 MW OTEC Power Plant off Kulasekharapattinam in Tamil Nadu on a build, own and operate basis an estimated cost of US $ 250 million and sale of power to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.

A Memorandum of Understanding to this effect was signed between the Tamil Nadu Government and M/s Sea Solar

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@Previously unstarred Question No. 774 transferred from 1st March 1994.

Power in January, 1994. M/s Sea Solar Power have to prepare and submit a detailed project report for various State and Central Government clearances.

Subject to the proposed site being found suitable after oceano-graphic surveys, the OTEC plant is expected to be commissioned in about six years.

**Mini Hydel Projects with Central Subsidies**

3192. SHR RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mini-hydel projects are being set up and commissioned in different States with the help of subsidies from the Central Government;

(b) if so, the number of such projects commissioned during the last five years; State-wise;

(c) how many proposals for Mini-hydel projects from different States have been received by the Central Government;

(d) the details of steps taken in this regard; and

(e) the amount of money allotted for such scheme for Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seven projects aggregating to 2800 KW have so far been commissioned during last five years under the Subsidy Scheme. A Statement is given in the statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Ministry has so far sanctioned 58 proposals aggregating to about 62 MW in 9 States. The submission of proposals from different States and their sanctioning is an on-going process and the proopsals for subsidy are approved subject to fulfilment of various conditions, techno-economic viability as also availability of funds.

(e) A budgetary provision of Rs. 100 crores has been made for the Eighth Five Year Plan period for the Small Hydro Power Programme.

**Statement**

*Details of S.H.P. projects commissioned during last 5 years under mini subsidy scheme*

| Sl. No | Name of State/project | Capacity (KW) | Year of commissioning |
|---|---|---|---|
| | *Haryana* | | |
| 1. | Kakroi | 1×100 | 1990 |
| | ***Uttar Pradesh :*** | | |
| 2. | Bilkot | 1×50 | 1991 |
| 3. | Khet | 2×50 | 1991 |
| 4. | Naini | 1×50 | 1991 |
| | ***Andhra Pradesh :*** | | |
| 5. | Sriram Sagar (9m) | 2×500 | 1994 |
| 6. | Chettipeta | 2×500 | 1991 |
| | ***Orissa:*** | | |
| 7. | Kendupatna | 2×250 | 1994 |